Overview of NIFA Evaluation Activities

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Planning, Accountability, and Reporting Staff (PARS)

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Outline

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I. Planning, Accountability, and Reporting Staff (PARS)

Planning and Evaluation

- Strategic Planning
- Portfolio Reviews
- Performance Measures
- Program Evaluations
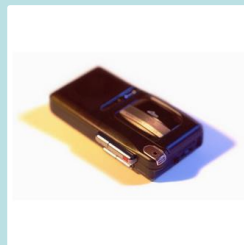- Budget Preparations

Accountability and Reporting

- CRIS
- State Plans of Work
- Outcomes Database
- Ad-hoc Requests
- Annual Reports

II. Evaluation Sound Bytes: **(A.) Data NIFA Collects**

Quantitative

- Patents
- Trainings
- Publications
- Models
- Technologies
- Projects

Qualitative

- Consumer Involvement
- Customer Satisfaction
- Habits and Health
- Knowledge Transfer
- Improved Practices
- Facilitators/Barriers
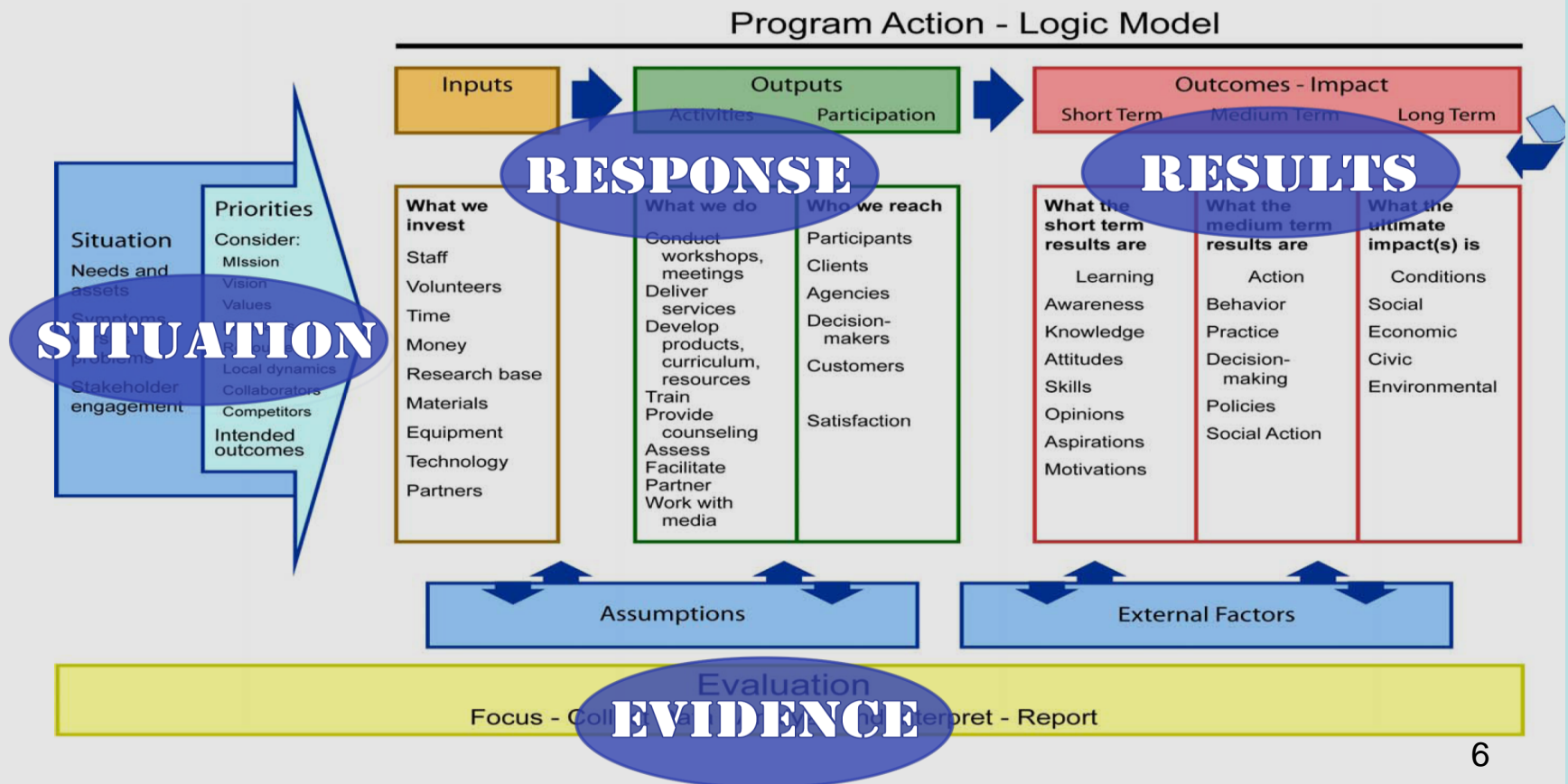
II. Evaluation Sound Bytes: **(B.) Assessing Success**

1. Objectives

2. Methodology

3. Timetable

4. Products, Results, Outcomes

II. Evaluation Sound Bytes: **(C.) Logic Models**

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT
Planning – Implementation – Evaluation

II. Evaluation Sound Bytes:
(D.) Sample Performance Measures

Number of:

- …refereed journal articles, publications, and patents addressing X
- …stakeholders providing input on X
- …new models, theories, methodologies in addressing X
- …training courses, workshops, curricula developed for X
- …projects supported that focus on X
- …individuals reporting behavior change in X
- …partnerships that support X

II. Evaluation Sound Bytes: **(E.) How Data Are Used**

National Program Leaders

- Program Management
- RFA Improvements

Office of the NIFA Director

- Presentations
- Requests for Additional Funds
- Audits

PARS

- Evaluations, Strategic Planning
- Performance Measurement, Needs Assessment, Systems Improvements, Ad-Hoc Requests

Congress

- Budget Justifications
- Outcomes Reporting
- Fiscal Planning

Communications

- Marketing and Promotion
- Branding and Coalition-Building

Other USDA Offices

- Process Improvements
- Collaboration and Networking

III. Evaluation Resources

- www.uwex.edu/ces/lmcourse

- www.uwex.edu/ces/pdande

- http://www.cdc.gov/eval/index.htm

- http://ctb.ku.edu/

- http://www.innonet.org/

- http://www.eval.org/

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